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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-34). Applicants elect the species of claims 7, 8, 24 and 25 for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement under 37 CFR § 1.141, which provides that "more than one species of an invention, not to exceed a reasonable number, may be specifically claimed in different claims in one national application, provided the application also includes an allowable claim generic to all the claimed species and all the claims to species in excess of one are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the generic claim." Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 18 are allowable claims generic to the

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claimed species of Group I. Claims 1-17 depend from claim 1, and claims 19-34 depend from claim 18.

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Respectfully submitted,

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